GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG RURAL YOUTH
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council of Applied Economic Research has conducted a survey with regard to the unemployment among rural youth;

(b) if so, the details of the survey report;

(c) whether the unemployment rate among the rural youth is on increase;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA)

a) to e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 487 BY SHRI Y.S. VIVEKAN REDDY & SHRI G. MALLIKARJUNAPPA REGARDING UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG RURAL YOUTH, FOR REPLY ON 27.8.2001.

National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), as reported by them, did not carry out any survey with regard to the unemployment among rural youth.

Estimates of employment & unemployment situation are available from surveys on employment & unemployment of National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). The unemployment rates among rural youth (age group 15-29 years) on Usual Principal & Subsidiary Status (UPSS) basis in1987 -88, 1993-94 & 1999-2000 were 3.8%, 2.9% & 3.7% respectively of the labour force.

Ninth Plan has accorded priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and eradication of poverty. The plan has focused on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterised by higher rates of unemployment and underemployment.

Government have also been implementing special programmes for eradication of poverty and generation of employment. The major poverty alleviation programmes, which provide employment in the rural areas, are Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Jawahar Gram Samriddhi Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme. Prime Minister`s Rozgar Yojana is also being implemented to provide employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth in both rural and urban areas.